

Amendments To The Claims

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.-6. **(Cancelled)**

7. **(Currently Amended)** A field liner as claimed in claim [1] 21, in which the first layer of the sheet element is formed of polypropylene film.

8. **(Cancelled)**

9. **(Currently Amended)** A field liner as claimed in claim [1] 21, in which the first layer of the sheet element contains an insecticide compound therein.

10. **(Original)** A field liner as claimed in claim 9, in which the insecticide compound is the pyrethroid insecticide, Deltamethrin.

11. **(Currently Amended)** A field liner as claimed in claim [1] 21, in which the second layer of the sheet element is formed of one of low density polyethylene and high density polyethylene.

12. **(Cancelled)**

13. **(Currently Amended)** A field liner as claimed in claim [1] 21, in which the second layer of the sheet element contains an insecticide compound.

14. **(Original)** A field liner as claimed in claim 13, in which the insecticide compound is the pyrethroid insecticide, Deltamethrin.

15. **(Currently Amended)** A field liner as claimed in claim [1] 21, which includes a third layer formed of a flexible aluminium film that is vapour impermeable and that is laminated between the said first layer and the said second layer of the sheet element.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A field liner as claimed in claim [1] 21, in which the adhesive substance comprises an adhesive sealant.

17. **(Currently Amended)** A field liner as claimed in claim [1] 21, in which the adhesive substance is covered by a peel-off strip that can form a part of the field liner and that can be peeled-off prior to or during application of the field liner onto a pole.

18.-20. **(Cancelled)**

21. **(New)** A field liner for protecting a timber pole against subsoil decay, which includes a sheet element that forms an elongate sleeve of which one end is at least partially sealed, the sheet element being in the form of a laminate structure including a first layer of material and a second layer of material, with the first layer of material being a flexible, liquid impermeable, non-biodegradable synthetic plastics film material that contains a dry film biocide therein and defining the inner surface of the sleeve and the second layer of material being a flexible, liquid impermeable, non-biodegradable synthetic plastics film material that is tear resistant and defining the outer surface of the sleeve, and in which the second layer of material is provided with a strip of an adhesive substance externally thereon which can adhere to an opposing region of the second layer of material when the sleeve is located on a timber pole and tightly wrapped around the timber pole, for securing the location of the sleeve on the pole.